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Execution of the Tungabhadra Project.

* 163 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the outcome of his talks in Delhi regarding the execution of the Tungabhadra Project;

(b) whether the work on the project would be resumed, and if so, when; and

(c) whether any decisions have been arrived at to make changes in (i) controlling authority; (ii) materials to be used; and (iii) other respects; and if so, the nature of the changes?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Certain proposals were discussed in respect of the future control of the construction of the dam, material to be used and the level up to which the dam is to be constructed;

" (b) work on the project has always been going on, and there is no question of 'resuming' it. Progress on dam construction had to be slowed down in July and August 1948 due to the political conditions in Hyderabad then; and

" (c) attention is invited to the answer to clause (a) above. This Government are awaiting the decisions of the Government of India on the subjects discussed at the conference held at New Delhi on 2nd November 1948."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As it has been reported in the papers, has no decision been announced by the Government of India about the controlling authority for the construction of the dam? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Tentative decisions were reached at the conference. The Government of India have since been reviewing these decisions in the light of certain factors."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Have not the Government of Madras asked to be put in sole charge of the construction of the project? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" That was what the Government of Madras suggested, Sir."

Provincial tax collected on petrol, etc.

* 164 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the total amount collected by way of Provincial tax in the last and in the current financial years on

(i) petrol; and

(ii) lubricating and crude oils?